



The BCC Connection

*November
2025*

*Bancroft Congregational Church
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Sunday Worship Hours

Christian Education Hour 9:45 am

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

There are Nursery and Jr. church programs available for children during our worship service.



God's Helping Hands will be with us again this year!

Join us during our regular Worship hour on

November 23rd

We will enjoy a potluck meal after the service.

As always, we will need some muscle to arrive about 9 am to help the team unload their equipment and then again after the service to load it back up.



One Thanksgiving afternoon, while waiting for the expected feast, two sisters went outside to play. Being a bit mischievous, they soon found something that looked like fun to do, which all too soon led them to something they had been told not to do. Their father came into the backyard and found the evidence of their disobedience and called them over. He explained to them that they must go to their room and that neither would be allowed to eat until the one who had disobeyed him confessed. The girls went to their room. A while later they heard their mother calling them for dinner. Not knowing what was going to happen, they went to their usual places around the table. The girls noticed that their father was not seated at the table as usual, and asked, “Where is daddy?” Mom replied, “Daddy said that you girls could not eat Thanksgiving dinner with us today until you came to him and confessed your disobedience. Since neither of you came, daddy decided that he would take your punishment himself- so he won’t be eating Thanksgiving dinner with us today.”

Thanksgiving gets so focused on the food and family, that we miss a much larger thing. Even when we think we are being “good Americans” and spend time giving thanks around the table, it is usually focused on material things and the giant feast in front of us. But we all know that there is something infinitely greater that we should be focusing our thanks on: Christ’s sacrifice.

“But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” (Romans 5:8) He gave Himself for us even when we hadn’t yet come to Him or had our names in the book of Life. That is something that is to be celebrated, and something to give thanks to Him for every day all day. So as you get ready to have that big meal with family and friends, remember the most important thing to give thanks for.

Now make sure to also eat a bunch of pie!!!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Be Blessed & Be a Blessing

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Twisted Scripture

Matthew 19:26

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

People often take this verse to mean that God can do *anything*. If so, does that mean He can create a rock He cannot lift? Skeptics love to ask such questions and then watch puzzled Christians scratch their heads. However, God is a consistent, logical being. He cannot do those things that go against logic or His nature. For instance, God cannot lie (1 Samuel 15:29; Hebrews 6:18) or break His covenants (Genesis 9:11), but these "inabilities" do not count against His power since He is not obligated to violate His holy nature. Likewise, since a square has four sides and a circle is round, God cannot produce a square circle. To ask God to make a square circle is to make a categorical error. You are mixing things that by definition cannot be mixed, like speaking of a married bachelor. To guard against these kinds of illogical challenges to God's power, it is best to say, "God can do anything that is consistent with His nature and with logic" rather than saying God can "do anything."

Matthew 27:25

All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"

This verse has been utilized from the Crusades to the Holocaust and beyond to justify the persecution of the Jewish people. To accuse the Jewish people of being "Christ Killers" and blaming them alone for the death of Jesus is insupportable biblically or historically. Like the other disciples, Matthew was a Jewish believer, his Gospel reported the historical facts about Jesus, the Jewish Messiah, in a book written to fellow Jews. Matthew would not have purposely slandered His own people. While it is true that the Jewish leaders and their followers did have responsibility for Jesus' death (Acts 3:15), they were not alone in their guilt. The Romans played a role also, and ultimately all people of the earth – past, present, and future- are also responsible (Romans 5:6-8). God Himself is also responsible. Acts 2:23 and 4:28 explain that Jesus' execution was conducted in accordance with God's timeless plan. Thus, we are all responsible for Jesus' death, just as God planned.



Waves of Grace

November

Daily Reading Plan



- Day 1: Romans 3:23
- Day 2: Romans 6:23
- Day 3: Romans 5:8
- Day 4: Romans 8:1
- Day 5: Mark 10:45
- Day 6: Romans 8:32
- Day 7: 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Day 8: 2 Corinthians 8:9
- Day 9: 1 Timothy 1:15
- Day 10: 1 John 4:9-10
- Day 11: Revelation 5:9
- Day 12: Romans 10:9-13
- Day 13: Romans 1:16-17
- Day 14: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- Day 15: Ephesians 2:1-10
- Day 16: Isaiah 53:4-5
- Day 17: Acts 2:38
- Day 18: Mark 16:15
- Day 19: Ephesians 1:13-14
- Day 20: Ephesians 4:17-24
- Day 21: Colossians 3:1-13
- Day 22: Ephesians 4:25-32
- Day 23: Ephesians 5:1-2
- Day 24: Ephesians 5:15-21
- Day 25: Titus 2:11-15
- Day 26: Titus 3:1-11
- Day 27: 1 Peter 1:3-9
- Day 28: 1 Peter 1:13-25
- Day 29: 1 Peter 4:1-11
- Day 30: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

...and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 1 Timothy 1:12-16

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Weekly Service Schedule for November 2025

Service	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Music Team	Beth Maddie	Beth Jenny	Beth Jenny Wes	GOD'S HELPING HANDS	Beth Maddie Wes
Greeter	Walt Reed	Tom Wahl	Lee Habermehl	Brian Reed	Volunteer needed
Greeter	Marion Reed		Cyndy Habermehl	Karla Reed	Volunteer needed
Nursery	Patty Hewitt	Volunteer needed	Jenny Habermehl	X	Cathy Taber
Nursery	Shana Post	Volunteer needed	Paula Wahl	X	Karla Reed
Sound	Aaron Zander	Sarah Bias	Volunteer needed	X	Cait Crego
Computer	Matthew Zander	Maddie Bias	Volunteer needed	X	Wyatt Crego
Call to Worship & Prayer	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	Layne Valade	Pastor	James Huguelet
Prayer Elder	Layne Valade	Lee Habermehl	Matt Post	X	Carl Cooke
Jr. Church Teacher	Paula Wahl	Becky Durling	Amber Bias	X	Diane Lepior
Jr. Church Helper	Jenny Habermehl	Cathy Taber	Shana Post	X	Amber Evans
Scripture Reader Message Prayer	Dan Bryant I Cor. 4:20	Maddie Bias 1 Cor. 5:9-10	Sandy Braid 1 Cor. 6:12-14	X	Carl Cooke Luke 1:57-80
Benediction	Pastor	Carl Cooke	Lee Habermehl	Pastor	Matt Post
Financial Team	Layne Valade	Brian Reed	Lee Habermehl	Dan Bryant	Tom Wahl
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Communion	Matt Post				

Please remember if for any reason you are unable to meet your scheduled obligation, ***please contact someone from your team to take your place as soon as you know you are unable to fulfill your obligation.***
The changes however, will not be printed in the bulletin.

Thank you for your service to our church!

For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus unto good works,
which God hath before
ordained that we should walk in them.
Ephesians 2:10



MONEY BIBLE VERSES

Pick the correct answer from the list provided.

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| A. ARROGANT | E. FIRSTFRUITS | I. RICH |
| B. DAILY | F. LITTLE | J. TAXES |
| C. DISHONEST | G. LOVE | K. TREASURE |
| D. ENOUGH | H. NAME | L. WEALTH |

1. "Keep your lives free from the ____ of money and be content" (Hebrews 13:5).
2. "____ money dwindles away" (Proverbs 13:11).
3. "Those who want to get ____ fall into temptation and a trap" (1 Timothy 6:9).
4. "The blessing of the LORD brings ____, without painful toil for it" (Proverbs 10:22).
5. "Whoever loves money never has ____" (Ecclesiastes 5:10).
6. "Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the ____ of all your crops" (Proverbs 3:9).
7. "Better a ____ with the fear of the LORD than great wealth with turmoil" (Proverbs 15:16).
8. "For where your ____ is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).
9. "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be ____" (1 Timothy 6:17).
10. "Give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my ____ bread" (Proverbs 30:8).
11. "A good ____ is more desirable than great riches" (Proverbs 22:1).
12. "This is also why you pay ____, for the authorities are God's servants" (Romans 13:6).

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This Month's Cause for Celebration!



MCDONALD,
ZANDER,
EVANS
HEWITT,
EVANS

DAVID
HANNAH
GARY
MIKE
JORDAN

11-Nov
18-Nov
23-Nov
25-Nov
28-Nov

I am
God's Child.
Lavished in
LOVE.
Gifted with
GRACE.
Showered with
MERCY.
Overflowing with
HOPE.



H.S.

9 Clyde & Sharon Lewis
9 Wes & Sue Canute



Kids Corner

The Colors of the Gospel



Gold



Have you heard of God's love
and the streets made of gold?

Black



But on this world, sin has its hold.

Red



So Jesus came and died for me.
He shed his blood to set me free.

White



Forgive all my sins, Jesus,
Wash my heart pure.
Now I'm your child and of this I am sure.

Green



Lord, help me to grow in your wisdom
And love and follow you always
Until we meet up above.

Mission News!

October was one of our busy months!

We had our Christmas in October for our missionaries. Where we collect donations for a nice Christmas gift for our missionaries. (We do this all year round, but the final collections are in Oct. so we can mail a Christmas card with a gift of money in it to each of our missionaries.)

We gathered Operation Christmas Child Boxes. They needed to be in by Oct. 26th. The boxes are sent to our collection place Nov. 10th. Then the boxes are sent around the world to children. They not only get a Christmas gift for the first time but also hear the gospel through this ministry.

We had our annual Halloween outreach, where we have a great connection to our community around us. We give candy and serve coffee and donuts. People sometimes stick around and have conversations with us. Thank you for all the candy you've donated to this!

We just wanted to say thank you!! Thank you so much for any way you took part in helping us through these important ministries.

Not only did we do the above ministries, but we also continued to support each of our 11 missionaries & ministries. Our missionaries we support are Carlos Novisteros, Debbie Price, Dottie Hoppe, Kathy Coon, Youth Haven, Kathy Curtis, Issac Zander, Lexi Zander, Matt and Jennifer Johnson, Mark and Kim Dalman, and Diane Lepior.

Our next meeting in Nov. is Monday morning, Nov. 10th. We welcome you to join us!

Looking ahead to next year...

Please mark these dates on your 2026 calendars! In April Easter is Sunday, April 5th, it will be our annual Easter Breakfast that you are invited to.

And Sunday, April 12th, we are planning a Mini Missions Conference, that will take place after church. More details later!

Food Pantry News

We continue to serve an average of approximately 30-35 families. We were sad when Mindy moved out to Texas and left a void in our food pantry. And Laurie is laid up with her back, but God is good and provides. And the good news is Robin Carlsen has stepped up to help us pack our bags. Others have also helped, Robin's nephew Brandon, Helen Cole, Beth Rumery and Larry Godfrey. Plus, all our regular workers.

Why is it important to pray for our ministries? Something happened on our way back from the food bank with a 1000-pound load in the back of Brian's truck. Going down 69, two big boxes of cereal flew off the truck. They seemed to be strapped down good when they left. Robin and Karla were driving behind them, so we called Larry Godfrey to let him know they had lost two boxes. So, they pulled off the highway and made sure the rest was secured. Meanwhile one box got creamed by a semi. (Don't worry, we still have enough cereal!) And no one was hurt. Just one of those things we continued to praise God for all the way back to the church for his protection. At least it wasn't heavy cans that fell!

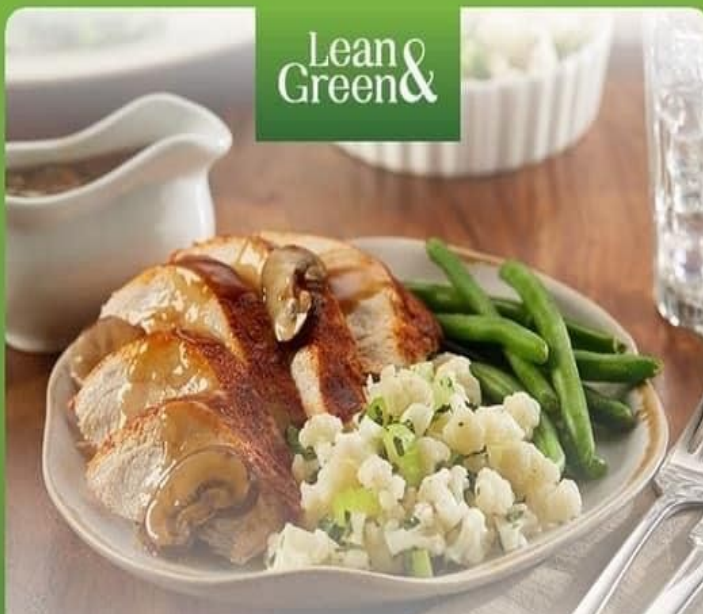
We continue to thank God for His provision. His safety while we work in pantry. And His ministry we help with.

We thank you for continued support to our pantry and thank you for your prayers!!



Grandma's Kitchen

Lean & Green



Instant Pot Turkey with Mushroom Gravy & Cauliflower Stuffing

• Yield: 4 Servings • Complete Lean & Green Meal: 1 Leanest, 2 Healthy Fats, 3 Green, 3 Condiments
 • Total Time: 45 minutes • Per serving: 400 calories • 18g Fat • 10g Carbohydrate • 51g Protein

Ingredients

Turkey:

- 2½ - 3 lb. bone-in turkey breast with skin
- 2½ tablespoons olive oil
- ¼ tsp paprika
- 1 tsp fresh thyme leaves
- ¼ tsp each or less: salt & pepper
- 1 cup chicken broth

Mushroom Gravy & Green Beans:

- 2 oz. cremini mushrooms, sliced thin
- 1-2 sprigs thyme
- 1 tsp psyllium husk powder
- ¼ cup chicken broth
- 2 cups green beans

Cauliflower Stuffing:

- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 2 scallions, trimmed and minced
- ½ cup diced celery
- 1 tsp poultry seasoning
- 1 tsp fresh thyme leaves, chopped
- 1 tsp fresh sage leaves, chopped
- ¼ cup fresh parsley, chopped

Directions

- Turkey:** Rinse and pat dry turkey breast. Combine oil, paprika, thyme, salt, and pepper. Rub herb mixture over turkey and set aside. Add 1 cup of chicken broth to Instant Pot with trivet. Place seasoned turkey in trivet, breast side up. Secure lid, push manual mode, and adjust time for 5 minutes at high pressure. When Instant Pot beeps, naturally release pressure. Open the lid and remove turkey. **Carefully remove and discard skin.**
- Mushroom Gravy & Green Beans:** Add the mushrooms, sprigs of thyme, psyllium husk powder, and chicken broth to Instant Pot. Before securing lid, place green beans in steamer basket and insert into Instant Pot. Push stew mode and adjust time for 10 minutes. When Instant Pot beeps, naturally release pressure.
- Cauliflower Stuffing:** Preheat oven to 425°F. Combine all stuffing ingredients and mix well. Spread cauliflower mixture evenly onto a lightly greased baking sheet, and roast 15 to 20 minutes or until caramelized yet tender.
- To serve:** Slice turkey and measure out 7 ounces per serving. Serve with mushroom gravy, stuffing, and green beans.



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LEAN & GREEN

GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

YIELD: 4 SERVINGS
PER SERVING: ¼ LEANER | 3 GREEN | ½ HEALTHY FAT | 3 CONDIMENTS
TOTAL TIME: 45 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 16-oz. bag frozen whole green beans
- Cooking spray
- 2 cups mushrooms, chopped
- ¼ cup diced yellow onion
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¾ cup nonfat plain Greek yogurt
- ¼ cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- ½ packet stevia
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp pepper
- ½ cup reduced-fat, shredded cheddar cheese
- 2 Tbsp grated parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Microwave green beans according to package directions.
- Lightly grease a medium-sized skillet, and heat over medium heat. Cook mushrooms, onion, and garlic until tender, about 5 to 7 minutes. Combine mushroom mixture with green beans in a medium-sized bowl, and let cool.
- Meanwhile, combine Greek yogurt, sour cream, cornstarch, stevia, salt, and pepper in a small bowl. Toss vegetables in sauce mixture until evenly coated. Add cheddar cheese, and mix until well combined.
- Spread into a lightly-greased baking dish, top with parmesan, and bake until topping is golden brown, about 30 to 35 minutes.





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	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10 Missions Mtg 10 am CE Mtg 6 pm	11	12 Elders Mtg 7 pm	13	14	15 10-Noon  5:15 pm Game Night
16 6:00—7:30 pm 	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 God's Helping Hands 30	24	25	25	27 	28	29

Weekly activities: Wednesdays: 10am Adult Bible Study
 Thursdays: 6:30pm Adult Small Group
 Thursdays: Karate

MONEY BIBLE VERSES

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| 2. C | 6. E | 10. B |
| 3. I | 7. F | 11. H |
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Happy Thanksgiving!

*Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.*

1 Chronicles 29:13

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day as we
bow our heads to pray, we give You thanks
and praise Your glorious name. We thank
You, Lord, for family and friends and all the
blessings that come from above. We love
You, Lord, in Jesus' Name, Amen.



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